

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figures 4A-E.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets
 Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner enter the amendment prior to continued examination of this application.

In the drawings, Figures 4A-E have been amended to correct formalities.

Claims 1-5 and 20-28 are pending in the application, and remain pending following entry of this amendment. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended.

Applicants submit that the amendments do not introduce new matter. Further, Applicants are not conceding in this application that those amended (or canceled) claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these (pre-amended or canceled claims) and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

In the decision on appeal, the BPAI failed to recognize the difference between an annotation and the object being annotated leading to a decision affirming the Examiner's rejection. Applicants have clarified the claims in this regard and believe the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
S-signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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